

**Hart County Recreation Department**  
**Parent's Information Sheet**  
**Football 2011**

Welcome to the Hart County Recreation Department. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing your child to participate in our program. We value and appreciate the time you as a parent will be putting into our program. We hope that the information provided below will assist you in your efforts to give your child a positive experience through recreation.

1. Registration fee includes uniform (jersey and pants), lease of equipment (helmet and shoulder pads if necessary), and provisional insurance.
2. The Hart County Recreation Department (HCRD) implements a **"You Pay. You Play."** policy. Each child will have a starting offensive or defensive position. However, if a child is not attending practices, the Head Coach, after informing parents and Rec. Staff, may withhold playing time. This policy promotes fairness and safety.
3. The HCRD Staff and coaches also stress the importance of academics to our participants. We ***encourage*** parents to suspend their children from play if grades begin to drop. It is strictly up to parents to enforce this guideline. Please inform the Head Coach and Recreation Staff of any changes to your child's participation.
4. Head coaches will be chosen from the volunteer coaches applications. A background check will be performed through the Hart County Sheriffs Office and the Hart County Personnel Office. Head coaches will then be recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board to coach in their respective league.
5. Head coaches will choose and notify their assistant coaches after the player draft has been completed.
6. Head Coaches will contact their team members after team placements and begin to set up practices and a parents' meeting.
7. During team placements, the Recreation Department will only guarantee the placement of siblings together. We will make notes for other request but cannot guarantee any other placements.
8. **Practices** are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays starting at 5:30 pm. All games and pre-season practices will be scheduled by and through the HCRD Staff.
9. **Opening Day is scheduled for the Second Saturday in September.** Schedules will be made available two weeks after team placements. **Games** will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings.
10. The **12 and under division** travels and plays inter-league with Stephens, Elbert, and Franklin Counties.
11. **NO refunds will be issued once uniforms have been ordered.**
12. **Picture Day** will be scheduled by the HCRD Staff with the photography vendor once uniforms have been received. Pictures must be paid for in advance. Any special requests must be made between the vendor and the parent.
13. **Please** be reminded that you as the parent or legal guardian will be responsible for getting your child to and from all practices and games.
14. Coaches/Parents must inform staff of injuries within 24 hours of the injury. **If a child is injured and taken to the doctor/hospital, parents must present a doctor's release to the HCRD Staff before the child is allowed to play again.**
15. A post-season tournament will be held between Elbert, Franklin, and Stephens County teams.
16. **SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINE:** Any parent or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to the League, players, officials, coaches, or another spectator will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to temporary suspension or indefinite suspension from HCRD facilities, grounds, or activities for up to a year or more.
17. Coaches are **required** to discuss any disciplinary actions with parents and with Recreation Staff.
18. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Football Program or department policies and procedures, please contact HCRD Staff at (706) 376-8528.

**Thank you again for your participation.**